cloudy, probably showers; east to northeast winds.

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Penrose Has Relapse; Is Critically Ill

Pennsylvania Senator Not in Immediate Danger, Physicians Announce; Heart Causing Trouble

Politicians Put in **Awkward Position**

Can't Attend Convention and Watson Is Likely to Take Over Leadership

United States Senator Boies Penese, who has been ill at his home ere since last fall, had a relapse vesterday and was reported to-night be in serious condition. His phyclans said that although the Sentor is very ill he is in no immediate

PHILADELPHIA, May 23. - While enster Penrose, to-night denied that

understood that his physicians te his relapse to his having ted himself in receiving callers itical affairs both nationally and in

onfidently upon attending the Repub-ican National Convention, which meets a Chicago June 8, and had chartered a

Convention Plans

Instead of going to a hotel, at the suggestion of his friend Mayor William tale Thompson of Chicago, Senator Pearose accepted an invitation to occupy private apartments close to the convention hall and the headquarters

n benefited by his trip South. A days after he got back from Flor-he had a relapse and had to y himself to all callers for more

WASHINGTON, May 23.—News from Philadelphia that Senator Penrose had suffered a relapse was taken by Republicans here to end all hope that the Pennsylvania Senator would be able to so to Chicago for the Republican convention, as he had hoped to do.

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It is known here that, contemplating the possibility that he would not be able to go, Senator Penrose already had notified many of his trusted lieumany of the possible of the property of th had notified many of his trusted lieutenants, not only in Pennsylvania, but throughout the country, that he would like them to consult with Senator James E. Watson, of Indiana, at Chicago. This was not taken to mean that Mr. Penrose was handing his mentle over to Senator Watson, it being understood that he meant he would keep in constant telephone communication with Mr. Watson, and thus save himself the strain of talking to a large number of leaders, passing his own word down the line through the indiana Senator.

Penrose for Watson

Mr. Watson is known to be a strong favorite with Mr. Penrose. It has been believed by intimates of both for some ime that, if the Pennsylvania Senator thought it possible, he would like noth-ng better than to throw the nomina-

believed by intimates of both for some time that, if the Pennsylvania Senator thought it possible, he would like nothing better than to throw the nomination to Watson.

As to Mr. Watson taking the place of Mr. Penrose if the Pennsylvania Senator is so ill during the convention that he cannot be consulted on political problems at all, politicians sere to-night were unwilling to take snap judgment. Many of them rather thought that Mr. Watson would be the logical "Old Guard" leader, especially as no one of this group except Mr. Penrose, especially as no one of this group except Mr. Penrose, especially if he is not lional Committee was pointed to as a strong himself is still a political problems at the Cross and auctioned to the highest bidders. The 1919 yield averaged five younds a sheep, and netted the Red Cross a considerable sum.

The decision to shear the flock is believed to have been hastened by a designance telephone, as is now expected to be the case, will make a tremendous distance telephone, as is now expected to be the case, will make a tremendous distance telephone, as is now expected to be the case, will make a tremendous distance telephone, as is now expected to be the case, will make a tremendous distance telephone, as is now expected to be the case, will make a tremendous distance telephone, as is now expected to be the case, will make a tremendous distance telephone, as is now expected to be the case, will make a tremendous distance telephone, as is now expected to be the case, will make a tremendous distance telephone, as is now expected to be the case, will make a tremendous distance telephone, as is now expected to be the case, will make a tremendous distance telephone, as is now expected to be the case, will make a tremendous distance telephone, as is now expected to be the case, will make a tremendous distance telephone, as is now expected to be the case, will make a tremendous distance telephone, as is now expected to be consulted over the long distance telephone, as is now expected to be co

League to Postpone Inquiry In Russia

Special Cable to The Tribune

ROME, May 23 .- The council of the league of nations has decided to postpone indefinitely its projected investigation of conditions in Russia through a commission. The Bolsheviki have until June 15 to reply to an inquiry sent by the council asking whether the Lenine-Trotzky government is willing to receive a commission representing the league, but the general feeling here is that the military operations on the Polish front and the invasion of Persia by the Soviet armies have complicated the situation so the league cannot proceed with its investigation for

Gompers Calls For Overturn

Summons Workers to Join

Incompetent, He Says

Asserts Lawmakers Failed to Pass Needed Measures

Discusses Railroad Strike

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Mr. Gompers excoriates Congress for alleged incompetence in handling the high cost of living problem and for alleged restrictive labor legislation. He condemns the Attorney General and the Department of Justice for "comedy" activity against profiteers. He cites profiteering and the increased high cost of living as against unequal earnings of labor. He then puts forth organized labor's platform in five demands against what he terms the "assaults from pirates of commerce and trade." from pirates of commerce and trade.

First-Immediate adjustment of wages, both in private employment and in government service, to at (Centinues on page three)

Wilson Orders Shearing Of White House Sheep

Flock Will Be Stripped of Wool To-morrow; Disposition of Product Not Known

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, May 23 .- Woodrow

Lawyers Offer \$2,500 Reward For Bergdoll

Sum Is Announced After Conference in Washington of Counsel for the Escaped Draft Evader

Nation-Wide Net Is Cast

Circulars With Minute Description Sent to Civil and Military Authorities

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, May 23.—A reward of \$2,500 for the apprehension and delivery to the military authorities of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, millionaire draft slacker, who escaped from military guard at Philadelphia Friday, was offered to-day by Bergdoll's attorneys, D. Clarence Gibboney, of Philadelphia, and E. T. Ansell and E. S. Bailey, of Washington

Washington.
The attorneys admitted that they had no clew to the fugitive's whereabouts. Adjutant General Peter C. Harris, who granted the permission for Bergdoll's temporary absence from the Fort Jay military prison to search for the alleged hidden treasure of \$150,000, let it be known that the War Department would exert all efforts to capture the fugitive, although primarily holding the attorneys responsible for the escape.

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Overcome Unjust Laws

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Aimed at Profiteering

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, writing in "The American Federationist," summons all workers and citizens to join at the coming elections to force on lowing notice:

Decision Reached at Conference
The decision to offer the reward of \$2,500 was made at a conference of the prisoner's counsel in the Wash-ington office of Colonel Ansell and Mr. Bailey. Mr. Gibboney came to Wash-ington early to-day, and was in conference with his associates for several lowing notice:

lowing notice: "We, the undersigned, hereby congress—the elimina-ies and the election of (\$2,500) to any person for the appre-declares the working hension and delivery to the proper mili-

tion of enemies and the election of friends. He declares the working people of the United States "are to-day speaking in mandatory terms and have reached the point where they will no longer endure or suffer injustice by legislative enactment and profiteering by private pirstes."

"Labor's Protest Against a Rampant Tragedy" is the title of Gompers's article, which takes up the, entire current issue of the official organ, "The Federationist."

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Attorneys' Pledge Violated General Harris said that the American labor has plodded under terrible restraint, Gompers contends. The recent insurgent strike among railroad workers was one of the symptoms of America's labor trouble, he declares.

"Only two classes of people were surprised by that outburst," declares safe return to the fort Lore villed to have an automobile awaiting the prisoner at the North failure of the Philadelphia attorney to provide this conveyance had been an element in the decision of the department to hold the attorneys responsible for Bergdoll's custody and safe return to the Fort Lore villed.

Robert B. Stanfield had a heavy majority over Albert Abraham for the Republican Senatorial nomination on the face of the incomplete returns.

By Each of Justice agents believe that Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, who escaped from two military guards at his mother's home in Wynnefield, may not have disappeared Friday afternoon, as reported, but at some time between 2:55 o'clock that afternoon and 11 o'clock the preceding night. This apparently was borne out to-day by Mrs. Eugene Stecher, wife of Ike Stecher, Grover's chauffeur.

According to Mrs. Stecher, her husband came home in the machine late Thursday afternoon, ran inside their

Impaired by Illness

LONDON, May 28.—Queen Alexandra, according to an official report issued to-day, has been suffering from a severe bronchial attack, which is now

"During a violent attack of coughing a small blood vessel ourst in one of the Queen's eyes causing troublesome impairment of the vision," says the statement. "It is hoped that with care and rest this inconvenience will pass, but her majesty's engagements must to some extent be dependent upon the progress made."

Troops Called As 1,000 Storm Jail for Negro

Captive Makes Confession

Girl, Secretary to Reprerl, Secretary to Representative Britten, Gives Count von Bernstorff, the former German Ambassador to the United States. His evidence is only now made public. Details of the Crime

WASHINGTON, May 23 .- A detach-House, Va., twelve miles from here, attempting to obtain possession of Will-

conditions most aggravating, only to be mgt with deception, if not treachery." He declares the high cost of living is "paramount issue with the American isople."

Attorneys' Pledge Violetch.

Wood for the Oregon Republican Presidential preference, according to figures and otherwise assist in clearing up the case.

Theories Vary on

Bergdoll's Flight

U. S. Agents Believe Escape Took Place Earlier

Than Was Reported

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Wood for the Oregon Republican Presidential preference, according to figures are based on complete returns from 412 of the 413 precincts in Multnomah County (Portland) complete returns from twelve and in incomplete returns from the other twenty-three counties of the state.

The vote stood Johnson 40,543, Wood 39,769, Lowden 14,487, Hoover 13,036.

In the contest between Senator George E. Chamberlain and Harvey Starkweather for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator the vote stood: Chamberlain, 12,885; Robert B. Stanfield had a heavy majority over Albert Abraham for the form the Privy Councillor and its contents were published. Dr. Albert de from the Privy Councillor and its contents were published. Dr. Albert de from the Privy Councillor and its contents were published. Dr. Albert de from the Privy Councillor and its contents were published. Dr. Albert de from the Privy Councillor and its contents were published. Dr. Albert de from the Privy Councillor and its contents were published. Dr. Albert de from the Privy Councillor and its contents were published. Dr. Albert de from the Privy Councillor and its contents were published. Dr. Albert de from the Privy Councillor and its contents were published. Dr. Albert de from the Privy Councillor and its contents were published. Dr. Albert de from the Privy Councillor and its contents were published. Dr. Albert de from the Privy Councillor and its contents were published. Dr. Albert de from the Privy Councillor and its contents were published. Dr. Albert de from the Privy Councillor and its contents were published. Dr. Albert de from the Privy Councillor and its contents were published. Dr. Albert de from the Privy Councillor and the content was an instingator of strikes, declaring the contents were published. Dr.

ATLANTA, May 23.—Leaders of striking Central of Georgia Railroad clerks announced to night that the clerks would disregard the warning of railroad officials that failure to return to work to-morrow would result in the filling of their places.

The strike, which started nearly a week ago, and which is effective in half a dozen Georgia cities and towns in addition to Atlanta, is said by the clerks to have resulted from the refusal of

Dowager Queen's Sight Plots in U. S. Directed by Falkenhayn

Chief of Staff Said Shutting Off of Munitions to the Entente Nations in 1915 Meant German Victory

Papen Bares Messages

Gen. Wood Accused Him of Plan to Land U-Boats and

BERLIN, May 23 (By The Associated Press) .- "If you succeed in measurably restricting American deliveries of war materials to the Entente until the end of 1915 we will, in all probability, have

General von Falkenhayn, then chief of the German General Staff, wrote thus to Captain Franz von Papen, German military attaché at Washington Cavalry From Fort Myer ment, which comprised part of the Disperses Mob 12 Miles evidence submitted by Von Papen in a From Washington; Man recent hearing before a parliamentary Slain and Fiancee Robbed the extent that he directed his efforts commission, was amplified by him to

> Captain von Papen at the time was secretly examined by the National Assembly Commission, which also heard

New York Plot Exposed

In describing the efforts of the United States to follow his activities in that country, von Papen said:
"General Wood once asked me to call "General Wood once asked me to call on him at Governor's Island. He was very cordial, and smilingly told me 'several persons have called on me and given me a detailed plan of a plot, which you, captain, are supposed to have worked out. The scheme provides for the landing of German U-boats at New York, which would then proceed to blow up the subway tunnels and the city's water mains. We have your complete plans, where you propose to place your explosives and what points you will attack. Complete evidence is in my possession. You may see it if you are interested."

"We did not waste a single word over the matter. But the incident shows the methods used against us at the time."

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Von Papen touched upon what he called the unneutral attitude of official quarters in Washington, the American courts and political circles, and declared that the British military attaché was permitted to operate unmolested and given the support of official quarters and the American Secret Service.

Agreed With Bernstorff

same opinion politically as von Bernstorff, with respect to the American situation, and so informed General von

Falkenhayn when he returned after his recall from Washington. "If you do not succeed in keeping the United States out of the enemy coalition, you will have lost the war."

The police say Turner bore two wounds, one in the hand and the other in the leg, when arrested.

Moore and Miss Clark, whose home is in Chicago, were to be married soon.

Johnson Leads in

Oregon by 774

Incomplete Returns Give

Senator 40,543, Wood
39,769,Lowden 13,036

PORTLAND, Ore., May 28—Senator
Hiram W. Johnson had a lead of 774 votes over Major General Leonard
Wood for the Oregon Republican Presidential preference, according to figures tabulated to-night by the Portland "Oregonian." These figures are based

GENEVA, May 23.—Under the caption, "Who Lost the War?" the Berlin "Vorwärts" publishes two documents, signed by Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff, former Quartermaster General, dated in October, 1918, asking the German government to make peace immediately. Ludendorff's request was dated October 1 and that of von Hindenburg October 5.

"They say they were stabled in the back by the Socialists," says the "Vor-wärts," which then asks the question, "Who lost the war?"

Condemned Man Asks

Change Date of Execution From Next Thursday

the filling of their places.
The strike, which started nearly a week ago, and which is effective in half a dozen Georgia cities and towns in advanced to have resulted from the regulation of the resulted from the regulation of higher wages. Railing and officials assert the strike is illegal, since all wage matters are for determination by the Railroad Labor Board.

American Aviator Missing

WARSAW, May 23.—Licutenant Harmon C. Rorison, of Wilmington, N. C., a pilot in the Kosciusko Aerial Squadron, has been missing for several days are a superstitious objects and thought is report concerning the Bolshevik lines.

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Carranza Slain in Sleep; Loyal Troops in Valiant Stand Against Traitors

Fear New Coup Blow Up N. Y. Subways In Germany as **Assembly Ends**

Political Discontent Is Rife; Militarists Are Agitated as Result of Victories of the Socialists

By William C. Dreher Special Cable to The Tribune BERLIN, May 23. - The National Assembly passed out of existence rather ingloriously last week, leaving in its wake a trail of disappointed hopes. Although the assembly fulfilled its appointed task in adopting a constitution, and fulfilled it well as far as that document is concerned, it failed to give political contentment to Ger-

d'etat from both left and right continue to cause anxious hearts. The Kappiade revealed the reckless spirit and the anti-republican sentiment which prevails in a dangerous

Majority Socialists joined with the independents to force the abolition of

Vote to Stop Martial Law

motion was adopted, despite the fact that it placed the government in an embarrassing position in view of the insistence of the Minister of Defense that the country could not be governed without the protection of exceptionally stringent military law.

A crisis was forced in which the overthrow of the government was imminent, and the Socialists, to offset such a catastrophe on the eye of the many control of the catastrophe on the eye of the many control of the catastrophe on the eye of the many control of the catastrophe on the eye of the many control of the catastrophe on the eye of the many control of the catastrophe on the eye of the many control of the catastrophe on the eye of the catastrophe eye of the eye of the catastrophe eye of the eye of th

such a catastrophe on the eve of the national elections, met in caucus and de-cided to modify their abolition of the state of siege by rermitting the use of martial law in three disturbed dis-

Prussia has been undergoing steady transformation in personnel. With the impending appointment of Desuedekum as Governor-President of Hanover the last of the men put in such offices by the Kaiser will have disappeared.

All the men of the old régime have been displaced by Socialists, Democrats and Catholics, and at the same time the functions of the governor-presidents have been extended to give them authority over the military.

This silent revolution means that henceforth no military commander can take steps even to suppress disorders take steps even to suppress disorders without the specific authority of the Governor-President in his district or on the orders of the government in Berlin. Under the régime of the national assembly, therefore, much has

Preacher in Wrong

(Continued on page four)

Presbyterian Student De-

Sing Sing Warden Refuses to Presbyterian church in Independence, near here, got into the right town, but landed in the wrong church. He didn't know that, however until after he had Fifty-first Street station. He was reknow that, however, until after he had preached his sermon and pronounced the benediction in due form.

Mr. Neal had been told the Presbybill as bail. Arneld Rothstein gave a \$1,000 bill as bail.

Reward Offered For Villa, Dead or Alive

EL PASO, Tex., May 23-A reward of 100,000 pesos for the death or capture of Francisco Villa has been offered by the Government of the State of Chihuahua. This announcement was made here late to-day by the provisional Governor, who added that 2,000 troops left Chinhuhua city this morning under orders to hunt down the bandit chieftain.

Trend Toward Lower Prices Cheers Britain

many even in the country's internal affairs. As a result, fears of new coups Drop in Wholesale Values zista chief of staff. Expected to Affect Re-

state of Irish and international affairs,

is the strong trend toward falling prices for many necessities of life. ally by news of American price cutting. So far most of the declines have been in the wholesale trade, but that i in the wholesale trade, but that is bound to bring down reta.l prices if it lasts much longer. The last few days have seen sensational slumps in the cotton and tea markets and a tendency toward iower freight rates. The principal factors responsible for the decline are public agitation aimed against the exorbitant costs, restrictions of bank credits and overdrafts and an all round decrease in the personal extravagance engendered by the

sonal extravagance engendered by the has had much to do with the charges. Both in the House of Commons and in their own unions the laborites have their own unions the laborites have attacked high prices and their efforts have resulted in a general labor decision to make a thorough investigation of the cost of living, especially regarding food and wages. The Miners' Federation is particularly active in this direction and has called a conference in London June 12 to discuss these questions.

One of the biggest drives against the high cost of living has been aimed at

One of the biggest drives against the high cost of living has been aimed at the prices of men's suits, and it has resulted in a number of tailors cutting prices considerably. In the retail trade the only other big move so far has been aimed at lowering the cost of canned foodstuffs, which probably will begin to show its effects next week. Careful and critical authorities and newspapers, however, are not being stampeded into joyous outbursts. They Papen, "these were so imperfectly appraised here that I deemed it necessary to enlighten German public opinion concerning them."

The military attaché obtained the consent of von Jagow, Foraign Secretary, to appear before the German editors to inform them on the German attitude, but Major Nicoll, chief of the press and espionage division of the general staff, opposed the plan.

After detailing the plans to corner war materials in the United States, control factories, divert labor and prevent munitions from reaching the Entente, von Papen said the theft of Dr. Albert's portfolio containing outlines of the scheme brought the secret into the Entente's possession.

Dr. Heinrich Albert, imperial German Privy Councillor, succeeded Dr. Dernburg as director of German propagands

Two Hurt in Auto: Runs Down Another

Jack Rothstein, Brother of Arnold, Finally Gets His Victims to Hospital

After running down a man and wom an with his automobile at Forty-fifth Street and Madison Avenue last night Jack Rothstein, twenty-nine, a cotton dealer and said to be a brother of Arnold Rothstein, picked up the injured persons, placed them in his car and started for Flower Hospital. At Pulpit by Mistake and started for Flower Hospital. At Fifty-sixth Street and Madison Avenue he struck and knocked down another man, who also was placed in the

livers His Sermon to

Astounded Methodists

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
PITTSBURGH, May 23.—Samuel

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PITTSBURGH, May 23.—Samuel
Neal, a student in the Western Theological Seminary, delegated to conduct the Sunday morning service in the

Rothstein was arrested by Detective in the Night Court and gave a \$1,000 bill as ball. Arnold Rothstein gave his occupation as a speculator and his address as 358 West Eighty-fourth

Gen. Molina Also Killed When Herrero's Men Mistook Him for Bonillas in Hut of First Chief

Assassins Take Sixty Prisoners

Murguia Led Fight Against Attackers in Dark; To Name President To-day

MEXICO CITY, May 23 (By The Associated Press). - Venustiano Carranza was killed when traitors, led by General Rodolfo Herrero, surrounded and "fired furiously" into the hut where the fugitive was sleeping, according to a dispatch received here to-day by General Alvaro Obregon from Juan Barragan, Carran-

General Morales y Molina was the only other person killed in the attail Market Soon; Tea tack, according to newspaper disand Cotton Lead Slump patches. The reports quote General Herrero as saying he desired to kill only Carranza and Ignacio Bonillas, LONDON, May 23 .- The most cheer- former Ambassador to the United ful development of the hour in Great States. Herrero is said to have mis-Britain, in the face of the depressing taken General Molina for Bonillas.

Sixty Taken Prisoner

Fighting in the semi-darkness unwhich undoubtedly is being helped mor- der the leadership of General Francisco Murguia, Carranza's followers made such a valiant defense that Herrero's men were forced to take sixty prisoners, the message from Barragan said.

> Newspaper reports say the three generals and two members of Carranza's Cabinet, who were first reported to have been killed in the Tlaxcalantongo fighting, have now disappeared, and probably are in hiding.

President of the republic will be made nere to-morrow, when an extraordinary session of Congress will convene to choose a chief executive under the Agua Prieta plan. The failure of the permanent commission of the National Congress to obtain a quorum on two occasions, to sustain its assumed authority to choose a Provisional President, is taken to indicate the choice made by the extraordinary session will be acceptable.

Barragan's dispatch giving details of the killing of Carranza and Molina "Villa Juarez, State of Puebla, May

"To General Alvaro Obregon.
"Referring to your telegram of this date, Herrero joined the column at Patla, professing loyalty. Arriving at Tlaxcalantongo, Herrero offered hospitality to Carranza, placing sentinels who knew the terrain. At 4 o'clock in the morning his men, abusing the confidence imposed in them, surrounded the shelter where Carranza was sleeping, firing their

them, surrounded the shelter where Carranza was sleeping, firing their rifles furiously into the hut. Everyone offered resistance, although with the natural demoralization caused by the unexpected attack. "General Francisco Murguia fought valiantly in the obscurity (semi-darkness), repulsing the traitors, who surprised the defenders when they were leaving their shelters to attack the enemy.

Clear Military Honor

Clear Military Honor

"The unexpectedness of the attack
enables us to clear our military honor.
The defense was general to such an
extent that the attackers were forced
to take sixty prisoners, among them
Mario Mendez, Paulino Fontes, Gil
Garias, General Heliodoro Perez,
Colonel Che Gomez, General Villela
and Carranza's military aid.

[Mendez formerly was director of
the national telegraph linees, Fontes
was former director of national railways and Señor Garias was Carranza's private secretary.]

"Our conscience is clear. Our grief

"Our conscience is clear. Our grief for the death of the President is inconsolable. We are satisfied that we did not abandon him for one moment.

Loyalty Useless Against Treason "The few men wounded and dead is explained by the fact that the attackers planned their crime knowing the place where the President, who had placed his confidence in Herrero, was sleeping. The loyalty and courage of the President's followers were useless against the treason of those criminals."

criminals."

The message was signed by Barragan and Marciano, Gonzales, Federico Montes, Francisco de H. Mariael and others. The flags on the American Embassy and all the other embassies and legations were placed at half-staff when the news of the assassination of President Carranza arrived.